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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I pay for wireless service for both my mother-in-law and myself on the least expensive, lowest usage plan I can, because we have the phones for emergency use only. I am appalled that those of us who bearly use the service would be charged the same surcharge as those who break the law EVERY day by using their cell phones while driving in the car. I live in New York where hand-held cell phone use is banned in cars, yet the police do not enforce it at all. Why don't they start enforcing that law and increase that penalty which would save lives in addition to raising money. Punish the people who abuse the cell phone laws, not those of us who carry one for emergency use only. Despite predictions, this cell phone craze will die down eventually so don't speed up the process by burdening us with more unnecessary charges.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Patricia McLoughlin
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members